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LETTER DATED 12 MARCH 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to bring the following to your attention. Today, during the meeting of the Security Council, the Deputy Prime Minister of Iraq made a number of false, unjustified, unfounded and baseless allegations against the Islamic Republic of Iran. My delegation did not exercise its right of reply, since it did not wish to allow sidetracking of the main issues under Security Council consideration, namely Iraq's non-compliance with Security Council resolutions and its brutal repression of its own population.

However, it should be recalled that in my letter of 22 March 1991 to the Secretary-General (S/23379), which was written in response to the same type of fallacious allegations, I stated what continues to be the case:

> The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, in response to allegations of dubious character, has declared at the highest level that in line with its Constitution, it does not seek to interfere in the internal affairs of Iraq, and has categorically rejected all such irresponsible allegations. Furthermore, in accordance with the same principles governing its foreign policy and consistent with the very strong and clear position adopted against bombardment of civilian areas in Iraq by allied forces, the Islamic Republic of Iran cannot remain but alarmed at numerous reports of horrifying attacks by government forces against innocent civilians as well as reported desecration of holy shrines and prominent religious personalities. Such concerns are shared by Muslims all over the world, and by the international community in general.

It will be highly appreciated if this letter is circulated as a document of the Security Council in conjunction with its meeting of 12 March 1992 (S/PV.3059).

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